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they're predicting it will go up dramatically yet this summer. My challenge to the ethanol producers is that they don't raise the price penny-per-penny with the no lead. If they could keep their ethanol product down below that, we will continue to sell more ethanol-blended fuel than we will straight no lead. Here's a chance for those ethanol producers to listen up and pay attention not to increase the price penny-per-penny with the price of no lead gasoline, but keep it priced a little lower and you'll see that reflected in the marketplace. Out in our area it's either priced the same as no lead or less than 87 octane no lead. And I can tell you from personal experience where it's priced less than the price of 87 octane, it's selling...has a bigger proportion of the market than standard no lead. So...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: ...it's a great product; it's superior in...in quality to the 87 no lead, and if you can buy it cheaper than you can buy 87 no lead, they're going to buy that superior product. The ethanol producers tend to benefit from the increased priced of fuel, I understand that, but I would ask that they keep it mind that they price their ethanol above the price of no lead, they're not going to sell much of it. So I support the bill, I support the amendments. I commend Senator Dierks and his staff for getting this thing put together, it's been a lengthy, drawn out process. And as I said on the debate also on LB 75, I am supportive of ethanol and production and it's use and sale, so I will continue to support LB 536. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Kremer on the Dierks amendment.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I have a couple comments and then I'd like to ask Senator Dierks a question, in a minute. I am also supporting LB 536, but I would like to make a few comments on the...on the gluten feed tax, which I believe is not right. A dry milling plant produces three products--they produce the gluten feed, they produce a syrup which is sold for cattle feed also, and they produce ethanol. It just doesn't seem right that you would give an